

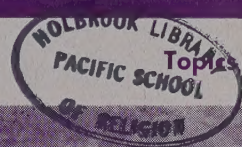
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*For Christ and the Church...*



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## Cover

German Junior Endeavorers, including youth up to 14 years of age, are shown holding their Bible study during a summer holiday camp, sponsored by the German Christian Endeavor Union. Many of the boys are wearing the special Christian Endeavor uniforms (similar to scouting uniforms in North America).

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## M E M O

### from the General Secretary . . . .

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR YOUTH?

What do you see when you look at a young boy or girl? You probably see a person who has a full life ahead.

You expect him or her to become a useful member of free society. He or she may rise to some high position, perhaps even become President of the United States.

Young people—as seen by Communists—look far different from the picture you have of them.

Communists see young people entering upon life which offers them new problems and experiences and issues. Communists analyze these problems and issues. They determine young people's moods and feelings. Then, they devise new solutions which will seem plausible and which are designed to lead the young people along the road to Communism.

All of this is explained by the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party in "World Marxist Review" (November 1961). Since the Communist movement is world-wide, we can expect the approach in the United States to be just the same. The Italian Communists operate more openly. That's the main difference.

What do the Italian Reds do?

They work with youth directly and through their Communist youth organization, called the Communist Youth Federation.

They seek to form a "united youth movement against the existing economic and political structures and for socialism."

They fight for "the demands of young workers, peasants and students." This means higher wages, shorter working hours, vocational training, the right to work, guaranteed employment, the right to education for all.

Communists fight for these goals, not to achieve them in a free society, but to gain power over the young people who want to gain these objectives.

As the Italian Communists explain, "By pursuing the policy of youth unity, we are striking hard at the ruling class, at its ideology and propaganda, at anti-communism. . . ."

Communist propaganda, says the Italian Party, consists of "disseminating Marxism-Leninism, popularizing the progress made by the socialist world, and explaining to the youth that Italy can and must take the socialist road."

The challenge is obvious, and so is the response. Communists in Italy report that their biggest obstacle to organizing as many youth on their side as they would like is young people's membership in church youth organizations. Expanding youth membership in all sound church, civic, and youth organizations and activities comes at the top of the list in the drive to combat Communism in every country of the world.

We quote here from the December, 1961 issue of FREEDOM'S FACTS, a publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, with headquarters at 917-15th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C. The International Society of Christian Endeavor is a member organization of the Conference. Freedom's Facts is available for \$3 a year on subscription to the Conference office.

*Harold Westerhoff*





# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The campus of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, will swarm with Endeavorers on Monday, July 2, as they register for the International Christian Endeavor Summer Assembly.

These youth will spend a week on campus, with a full schedule of events emphasizing Christian citizenship, evangelism, intensive Bible study, and leadership training.

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., president of the International Society, will speak at the mass meeting on Monday night, when the awards in the 1962 Citizenship Awards program will be presented.

Each day begins with a personal Quiet Hour directed by Timothy J. Kribs, associate president of the International Society. Leading the Bible study class which follows will be Professor Robert W. Mueller of Huntington College. Chapel speaker is Dr. Earle W. Gates, immediate past president of the International Society.

In the afternoon educational conferences scheduled are: Evangelism, led by Bishop Meadows; Christian Citizenship, led by Robert C. Ross of the Christian Church of Brookfield, Illinois; and Christian Endeavor Leadership Training, led by Wood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.

Director of recreation activities will be B. McClain Cochran, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. Youth Assembly delegates will meet from 4:45 to 4:55 each afternoon.

Vespers will follow dinner, with messages given by Mr. Ross, Mr. Dunn, and Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington College.

Informal interest areas, directed by Mrs. Robert C. Ross, will close the day's schedule.

Climax of the week will be group demonstrations on Friday evening. The Assembly closes following breakfast on July 7.

Accommodations for the Assembly are limited. Preference will be given to registrations from youth under 25 until May 1. Accommodations still available at that date will be assigned in order to adults over 25 who have already registered or to youth and adults who register after May 1.

Price for the entire Assembly (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday nights) is just \$30. Use the form below to make reservation early.

## International Summer Assembly—July 2-7, 1962 Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana

Please reserve a place and register me for the International Summer Assembly. Here is \$10.00 payment which will apply on my \$30.00 fee (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday nights).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ C. E. Union \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation form and \$10.00 to INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio





# I BELIEVE IN

## 1. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour.

I was a boy at St. Andrew's College in Dublin when I committed my life to Christ. My father, the late Rev. Dr. Fred C. Gibson, was well known throughout the British Isles as an evangelist and convention speaker. It was through his preaching I was convicted of sin and it was kneeling at my own bedside with my own dear father's arm around my shoulders that I surrendered myself to Him as my Lord and Master.

It was that great decision which molded my whole life. If it had not been made, I

would never have been a clergyman, and I would not be president of our movement today.

While I know I fall very far short of what I should be, I believe I could not be the person I am without Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

Without Jesus Christ we can never be the man or woman God intends us to be. So each individual must face up to the question, "What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?" On the answer we give depends the whole course of our life both here and hereafter.

## 2. I BELIEVE in the Church.

As it is so aptly put in that great doctrine of faith, the Apostles' Creed, "I believe the Holy Catholic Church."

I remember once hearing Bishop T. Smith who shared so many conventional forms with my father giving a commentary on Psalm 40, verse 2: "He set my feet on a rock and established my goings." In his own sanctified humorous way the Bishop said that the Psalmist David evidently longed to the "established Church."

It is a great thing to belong to the established Church, the Church which Christ has established in His own body.

For me the Church is something far greater than any denominationalism. The Church is composed of those who have been "called out" from the world to be His. I find I can have fellowship with all who long to Him. It is the fellowship of the Communion of the Saints which is important.

At the time of the Notting Hill riots when feelings were running high over the color bar problem, I, a Free Church clergyman, preached in an Anglican Church in London. At the commencement of the service we, the clergy, processed behind the choir, through the church and up into the chancel, singing the hymn of approval. What thrilled me about it was that half that choir were colored people.

In our common need of the same Saviour we were one, in our love of the same Christ we united in one act of worship. Beneath the Cross of Jesus there were no barriers between us.

## 3. I BELIEVE in Christian Endeavor

I believe that Christian Endeavor is the finest Christian youth organization of its kind in the world. It is international, interracial, interdenominational. In it people of all races and classes who are seeking to know and serve Christ, meet as one.

Christian Endeavor is both the oldest and the largest Christian youth organization in the world, composed of three million members speaking one hundred languages. In Great Britain there are over sixty thousand members of whom eleven thousand are Sunday school teachers.

The history of Christian Endeavor is the romance of religion.

The movement was founded eighty years ago, in Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, U.S.A., by Rev. Francis E. Clark.

It is interesting to look back and see how the movement began. A group of young people in Mr. Clark's congregation had recently accepted Jesus Christ. Wishing

## What Christian Endeavor Means To an Adult Leader of Youth



*The personal testimony of Mrs. Paul Kovar of LaMarque, Texas. Mrs. Kovar is sponsor of the Junior High Christian Endeavor Society of Paul's Union Church.*

If I had to make a symbol of Christian Endeavor it would be the picture of young people of all ages dedicated to the Lord and His work. It has been my experience to work with these young people when they would work eighteen hours without stopping, to finish a project to further the Lord's work. This sort of miracle is wrought only through Christian dedication.

As a Christian Endeavor counselor, you are not your own. You belong to the young people of your society. Your telephone, your car, and your time must be given to God's work through these young people, to hear their problems and to take time to counsel with them as you would your own children.

Sometimes you become so exhausted mentally and physically that you can't seem to go on. Then the Lord provides food for your body and mind by changing some young person's life. Perhaps he becomes a Christian, or he becomes more dedicated, or he may become a full-time worker for Christ. Perhaps it isn't anything more than a change in his daily living. This is all you need to spur you on to go the second mile.

Christian Endeavor has made my growth in Christian faith possible. It has led me to see miracles I would have never thought possible. At camps and conventions I have been lifted to the mountain top by the witness of our youth; I have felt that I was sitting in the very presence of God. It has shown me the depths of despair, at the same time teaching me to never let go of the hand of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, for "all things work together for good to them that love God."

As a Christian Endeavor leader there is a rule which should always be followed: "Have one hand in God's—and one in the hand of youth." Always depend on the opening phrase of the Pledge, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

I count it a privilege and an honor to work with our young people. It is my way of saying to them, "Thank you for the things you have given me—greater faith, deeper dedication, and a closer walk with the Lord."



# CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

## Testimony of Rev. F. Rupert Gibson of Belfast, Ireland, President of the Irish Christian Endeavor Union

for them an organization which would  
l them up in Christian character, give  
Biblical teaching, and lead them out  
fuller service for their Master, their  
or, guided by the Holy Spirit, com-  
ced what he called a Christian En-  
dor Society.

On the evening of February 2, 1881, in  
home Mr. Clark read the following pro-  
l to a group of almost sixty young peo-  
gathered there: (1) "This Society shall  
alled the Williston Young People's So-  
of Christian Endeavor. (2) Its object  
be to promote an earnest Christian life  
ng its members, to increase their mutual  
aintenance, and to make them more use-  
n the service of God. (3) The members  
his Society shall consist of all young  
ole who sincerely desire to accomplish  
results above specified. They shall be-  
e members upon being elected by the  
ety and by signing their names in this  
s."

Little did the Rev. Francis E. Clark real-  
that from this small beginning he was  
commence a world-wide movement,  
ch was to be one of the greatest evan-  
gal, educational, and ecumenical forces  
Christian young people in the world and  
eventually millions would join its mem-  
ship.

Through its covenant the movement has  
wn to millions what the Christian life  
lands, and has stressed the duty of daily  
le reading and prayer. One of the es-  
sials of the society is committee work,  
ugh which members gain experience in  
ministration as they take part in the  
k of the society.

Christian Endeavor is one of the greatest  
ning grounds the church has for young  
ple.

As a parish minister whenever I have  
n seeking for leaders for organizations,  
rch work, or Sunday school teachers  
place I naturally turned to was to the  
istian Endeavor society, and many of  
se in office today owe their training to  
movement. It is a great medium for  
ling people to Christ as Saviour, for  
lding character, and for teaching.

Many of the church's finest leaders have  
ned their first experience of speaking  
l praying in public through Christian  
deavor. It has also been the means of  
senting the call to the ministry and to  
mission field to hundreds of men and  
men.

The late King George VI said of Chris-  
ian Endeavor, "A remarkable movement  
ich is based upon those principles which  
ke the best kind of citizenship and a  
vement which believes that the formation  
character is more successfully achieved

by training and practice than by preaching.  
It is that spirit of idealism which the world  
so surely needs today. Without it a solution  
to many of its problems cannot be found.  
Hold fast to that belief, and you will be  
giving your fellow men and women the  
highest service in your power."

The motto of Christian Endeavor is in-  
spiring, "For Christ and the Church." While  
for me the Church is that great body of be-  
lievers, who have trusted in Christ as their  
Saviour, yet I feel each should be loyal to  
his own particular denomination, proud of

its heritage and its contribution to the king-  
dom of God, yet never purporting to be  
"THE" Church, the only branch of the  
Christian faith which is right.

I believe in Christ, I believe in the  
Church; they are both worthy of the best  
service we can give.

In Christ and through Christian Endeavor  
some of my warmest and most precious  
friendships have been made and I thank  
God that he has privileged me and called  
me to be President of the Irish Christian En-  
deavor Union.

## The Teen-ager's Greatest Challenge Answered Through Christian Endeavor



*Excerpts from the speech which won first place for Judi Jones of Kettering, Ohio, in a contest sponsored by the Auglaize Conference Board of Christian Education, Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Reprinted by permission from THE UNITED BRETHREN.*

I believe the reason Christian Endeavor grew and became world-wide is be-  
cause, in this society, teen-agers found something with which they could meet the  
world. The world and her evils have for a long time challenged teen-agers. Chris-  
tian teen-agers are told by Paul in Romans 12:12 that we should not be conformed  
to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

In Christian Endeavor, teens can share their problems with others their own  
age. A weak Christian teen can be strengthened by hearing the prayers of other  
members in his own society.

Christian Endeavor can help the discouraged and disheartened teen-ager. All  
of us, I am sure, have read how the teen-age years are years full of trials, insecurity,  
and loneliness. A teen-ager with Christ in his heart can overcome the trials; he can  
have security in knowing the One who watches over all the world, watches over him.  
How could this teen-ager possibly be lonely when in his heart dwells the Master of  
masters!

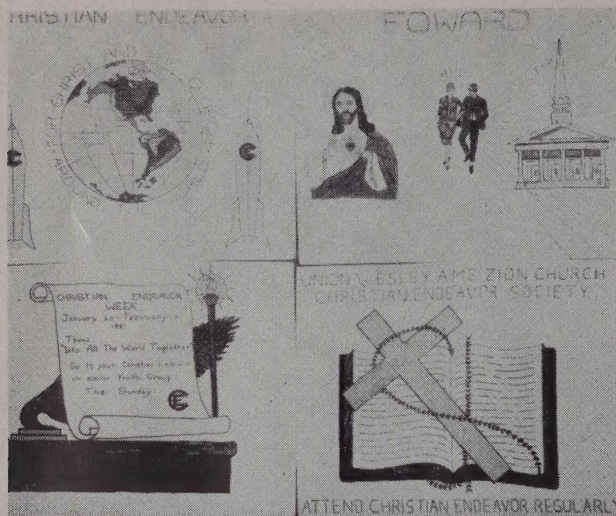
The teen-age years have also been called the molding years, for these are the  
years when the foundation is laid for adult life. We are promised in Proverbs that  
if we seek the Lord early, we shall find Him. The teen years are the most opportune  
time to accept Christ. It has been proven again and again that if a man has not ac-  
cepted Christ by the time he enters adulthood the possibility of his knowing Jesus  
Christ, as his own personal Saviour, diminishes by a rapidly increasing rate.

Christian Endeavor gives to teen-agers a time of quiet meditation and prayer.  
It has been said that the quiet hours spent before the Lord are filling stations of  
grace which prepare us for the emergencies of life. Christian Endeavor shows how  
important prayer is in the life of a Christian.

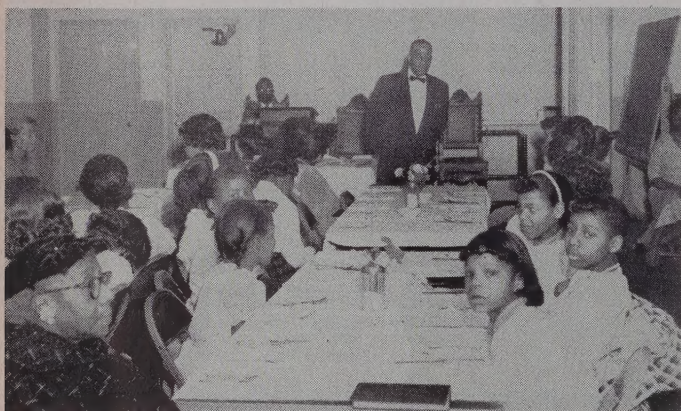
The Christian Endeavor motto can and should be adopted by every teen-ager  
—"For Christ and the Church." The motto gives both purpose and direction to life.

As a teen-ager, I am personally thankful for the man, Francis E. Clark, who  
started and formed a Christ-centered society which can help me to meet the world.





Four of the top posters in a contest in which 36 members participated are shown. Best ideas were selected; then James Cooper and Douglas Barrett reproduced them in finished form. Completed posters were placed in public places.



Following the visitation an "Evening of Happiness" banquet was held. Joseph Barnes, president of the Golden Rule Union, and Clenzo Miles, field secretary, were special guests. Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, church youth leader, spoke.

Each Sunday after church Endeavorers visited some sick member, neighbor, or church worker. Visits included a song service and prayer. Youth are shown here with Rev. Ramond L. Jones, a denominational leader.



In an effort to win youth of the neighborhood, groups of five went up in a different direction, visiting every home with blocks of the church with an invitation for all youth to attend a banquet in their honor.

## Through the Year With One Society

These pictures show graphically some of the activities of Christian Endeavor Society of the Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington, D.C., during 1960-61.

An interesting activity not pictured was an educational program called "The World Today." Outstanding speakers discussed home life, church, schools, government, and war review the past and brought out the changes in the world today and they relate to youth. A question and answer period followed.

Another project was a series of monthly birthday parties, honoring church members who had birthdays in that month.

For the projects reported this group received an award of \$25 as a runner-up in the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program. Paul Leonard was society president, with DeLoris Pouncey vice-president. Minister of the church is Rev. George Smith.

Christmas brought an opportunity for the Endeavorers to gather toys for needy children. Society members rejuvenated the toys and a group of Endeavorers helped deliver them to neighborhood homes just before Christmas.





# Tribute to Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D.D.

William Hiram Foulkes, D.D., a trustee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, died December 7 at the age of 84. He was living in Smithtown, Island, New York. Dr. Daniel A. G. sent the following telegram to William Foulkes, Jr., one of the two living sons:

"I have just learned of the death of your father, my beloved and life-long friend. In Christian Endeavor we traveled together across America and in Europe. I have never known a more capable and a more selfless man. As an administrator, preacher, writer, statesman of his church and faith, he was one of the most distinguished leaders of our generation."

Mrs. Poling and myself and for our Christian Endeavor associates throughout the world, I send to you and to the family our sympathy and love."

Dr. Foulkes, who was long active in Christian Endeavor, last participated in an International Convention when he presided at the communion service in Toronto, July 1949. He is well known as the author of the words for the hymn, "Take Thou Our Pains, Dear Lord."

In 1960 Dr. Foulkes wrote: "Christian Endeavor, of all the Christian youth movements, has been true to its tradition. It is a great destiny, if it will remain steadfast. This does not mean that it should not grow, for growth is the law of life."

William Hiram Foulkes was one of the gentlest and at the same time most vivid and dynamic Christians I have known and loved. For more than forty years he was one of my most intimate associates in Christian Endeavor work and activities, both at home and abroad. He served as vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and was a member of the Executive Committees of both the International Society of Christian Endeavor and of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Between 1920 and the year of his retirement, he was absent from very few national and international gatherings. He was the Quiet Hour leader of many of these conventions and conferences and always the inspirational speaker, the sympathetic counselor, and the loyal friend.

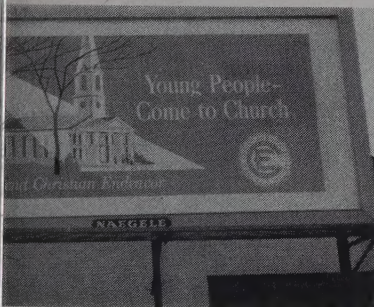
Dr. Foulkes prepared the first program for an international convention communion service and conducted it.

I visited him in the nursing home on Saturday before his death, and although he was then all but helpless physically, he was mentally and spiritually alert. With emphasis he said, "The church has found no substitute for Christian Endeavor. It continues to be beyond all others the most effective youth program for the evangelical Protestant church."

Dr. Foulkes served his own denomination as moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and in numerous capacities of high responsibility he gave leadership not only to his own denomination but to the united church, to the community, to the state, and to the nation. If I were to write upon his stone an epitaph, it would be the one I would like to have on my own, "Departed into Life."

*Samuel A. Plunge*

President  
World's Christian Endeavor Union



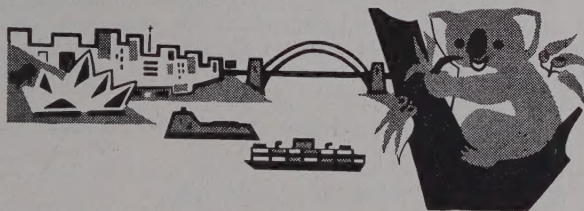
## New Outdoor Posters Now on Display

Appearing along streets and highways in the United States and Canada is Christian Endeavor's new outdoor poster, on display in most areas during January and February. The attractive new design, used for the first time in 1962, features a colonial church patterned after the First Church of Evans, New York, where Dr. Earle W. Bates is minister. The posters are printed in two shades of blue and in black.

These posters are appearing through the operation of local poster companies, which are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc. Local Endeavorers provide the posters themselves; the poster companies donate the space and hang the posters as a public service contribution.

For information about Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program write to Miss Myllis I. Rike, director, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

## FOR YOUR 1962 VACATION



## JOIN THE ROUND-THE-PACIFIC TOUR!

Participate in the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, Australia, August 16-21, and spend a month in thrilling visits to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland, Fiji, and Hawaii.

This all-expense, personally conducted International Fellowship Tour leaves San Francisco by Pan-American jet on August 3, arriving back at San Francisco on September 2. The price—\$2,325 at present published rates. The party is limited to 35 persons. A deposit of \$200 at once will reserve a place for you. For all details, contact Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



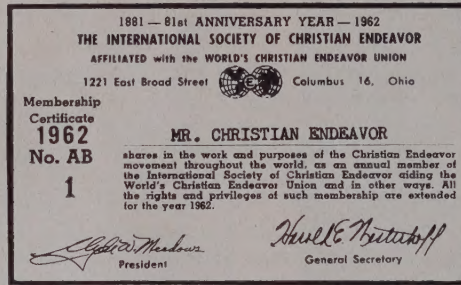
# Will You Help "The Best I Can"?

Early in January a very young lady said in a letter to International Christian Endeavor headquarters that she wanted to help "the best I can." She was writing in response to the invitation to participate in the 1962 Membership Mobilization. With her letter she sent her gift—just 13c!

Similar invitations have gone to many other young people, urging them to invest in this vital program for youth. But many youth are not able to give a full membership—not even at the special rate of \$5 for a youth member (not over 18 years old).

So the bulk of the financial support so badly needed to carry forward the work of Christian Endeavor must come from those past 18, those able to give to this movement which has done so much and continues to do so much for youth.

Before February 28 is the time to become



an Annual Member at \$15 . . . an Annual Member with Doubling at \$30 . . . a Sustaining Member at \$50 or more . . . a Life Member at \$200.

The young lady did what *she* could. How about you—will you do what *you* can?

## Hurry! February 5 Is Deadline!

February 5 is the last day for mailing entries in the 1962 Citizenship Awards Program.

During the last year has your society sponsored a citizenship activity? Then you may be eligible to compete for the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling almost \$1,500 in cash, trips, plaques, and certificates.

A completed Christian citizenship activity must be reported. Any Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group in the United States or Canada, the majority of whose members are under 25 years of age, may enter.

Projects may relate to these areas of concern: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day. Review your society program. Any suitable project may be entered, even though it was not undertaken specifically for the Awards Program.

Gather together all information concerning this activity—mimeographed or printed items, photos or colored slides, newspaper articles or pictures, a scrapbook, a written report by one or more who participated, or any other material which gives a good description of the entire project and its results. Fill out the entry form below and send it, with all materials, by February 5.

Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards for 1962 will be announced April 25.

### ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 5, 1962, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by February 16, 1962)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

## ADDITIONAL 1962 HONOR SOCIETIES

Organizations listed below contribute to the Membership Mobilization of the national Society of Christian Endeavor participation in the 1962 Society Roll during November and December. This completes the listing of honor societies for the year.

Red seals represent a gift of \$30; blue seals a contribution of \$15.

### Red Seal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware

### Blue Seal

Senior, Rea Avenue Reformed Church, Hawthorne, New Jersey

Senior High, Talmage Memorial Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Honor societies in the 1962 Society Roll will be listed in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

## Another "Christian Endeavor" Church

Pictured below is the Christian Endeavor Memorial Evangelical United Brethren Church of Newark, Ohio. In June of 1912 the South East Ohio Christian Endeavor Union of the United Brethren Church (the denomination merged with the Evangelical Church in 1946) decided to assist some church as a memorial. An offer was made to Tenth Street Church in Newark, which had just organized in 1912 and was considering relocation. The union first offered \$3,000; in 1921 the pledge was raised to \$5,000—\$2,000 paid when the cornerstone was laid and \$3,000 on dedication day, April 8, 1923. The union asked that the name of the church be "Christian Endeavor Memorial." The church is located at the corner of Church and 11th Streets; the present minister is Rev. Frederick A. Ketner.





# With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

## ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

### Personality Problems

#### Keep My Commandments"

in 15:9-14; 1 Corinthians 13

Personality problems spring from going "my way" rather than "God's way." Inner oil results from man's rationalism for as he pleases. Choosing "God's way" bring peace within and good will to all men. But it takes complete surrender of heart and mind to do God's will. It said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." suggested experiment, read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, substituting your own names for the word "love." Do the words express personality, and can you answer "yes" these Christian character traits? Name the things of the world that could be righted if replaced hate. What will you do about it?

#### Commit Thy Ways"

Psalm 37:3-5; John 13:35; 15:7

The Scriptures admonish man to commit his ways to the Lord and to love one another. Proof that following these admonitions solves personality problems is well put

by Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, who states, "The Bible is a record of changed lives: Jacob, the scheming youth, becomes the mellowed patriarch; Moses, the hot-tempered slayer of his enemy, becomes the understanding leader of his people; Peter, the unstable weakling, becomes the bold herald of the new Gospel; and Paul, the hateful persecutor of good men, becomes the author of the most powerful description of love in human speech." Discuss each of these character transformations, remembering in problem solving the Bible tells us that "the things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

### Interpersonal Relationships

#### 1. Live unto the Lord

Romans 14:7-19; Philippians 4:12,13

No man lives to himself. Our very existence is an interrelationship one with the other. In this person-to-person relationship comes a testing of our Christian witness. We must apply Christian principles to every situation, come what may. This is difficult in dealing with personalities. Being human, we may sometimes feel we are standing

alone, but not for long if firm in our faith, for Christian witness is far-reaching. Relate incidents in the office, the club, the home, or the community which called for a decision in interpersonal relationships and how they were handled. Test each situation by asking, "Do I live unto the Lord?", remembering in the words of Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

#### 2. Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16-48; Philippians 3:7-21

In a world fraught with tension, confusion, and mistrust, people are groping for light and guidance. They will either turn to those who will lead them in the way of darkness to destruction, or they will follow the example of Christian witness in their midst. Here is the grave responsibility of Christians to let their light shine and draw all men to God's way. What can you do in your community to witness for Him? Make your voice heard in cleaning up rackets, vice, and corruptness. Stand for righteousness and peace in all dealings with your fellow men. Study the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, chapters 5,6,7) for a true guide on interpersonal relationships.

## We Look Two Ways

By Dr. Earle W. Gates, Chairman,  
Adult Work Committee

At this season we look in two directions in Christian Endeavor. The 81st anniversary, observed February 2, causes us to look gratefully at the matchless history of this God-inspired movement. We do well to count the blessings each has received from God for they are rich indeed—and they are legion. Anniversaries of great events provide opportunity to express appreciation, to recount past achievements, and to weigh present values. In retrospect, Christian Endeavor presents a glorious panorama.

However, at such times our vision must not be limited to the past. At once we must turn our vision forward. With keen anticipation we may now look to the future, a vista filled with opportunity and challenge. All adult groups should include in their plans both a review and a preview at this time.

In considering the benefits we have received from Christian Endeavor, and realizing how our own lives have been changed by it, we should indeed be motivated to action for others. Such action would bring to a waiting generation the spiritual nurture, leadership training, the incomparable fellowship that we have received and cherished.

Here, too, we may look two ways. If we have a debt to pay to Christian Endeavor, or to its Lord and Master, we may discharge it in part by serving a generation other than our own. To the generation ahead and the one following need our assistance. Our two-directional vision, if we sincerely desire to discharge our obligation, must inevitably take in both children and their folk. Both groups are inadequately served in the church today.

A noted Junior Christian Endeavor leader has said, "All we need today to have many more Junior societies—and how great is our need—are adults who love children enough to help them find Jesus Christ." At the other end of the age scale, almost nothing is being done. Our "senior citizens," elderly people who can do little for themselves, are the most neglected group in all of Christ's Church. Little or nothing is provided for them in the average church or denomination. This is somewhat ironic, since they are least able to help themselves, and most appreciative of help rendered them.

Adult work in Christian Endeavor should extend its interests from teen-age to "Golden Age." Those in this fortunate age group

of activity and ability should be especially responsible for leadership in Junior and Junior High societies. They can sponsor such groups, may act as counselors for them, or secure others to lead. Memories are good and are pleasant, but they serve a greater purpose if they can be clothed with action. In Christian Endeavor there is often too much nostalgia without projection, too much talk of "what we used to do" without "what shall we do?" Today's youth need the same experience that blessed their elders. We pay our debt to the past by serving the present. Thus will the future of the church, and of Christian Endeavor, be assured. Let reminiscences become rededication!

One of the greatest continuing needs in the church today is suitable care for the elderly. The number of "senior citizens" is increasing annually—and their vigor and ability increases likewise. Yet the church offers little in special activities or program for them. Church organizations are too concerned with their own problems to take them into the circle of fellowship and activity. The Salvation Army is virtually the only organization that provides an adequate and consistent program for this age group. Its Golden Age Clubs are havens of blessing for many.

If Adult work would find its greatest joy and usefulness, it could well concern itself with an on-going program for these "Golden Age" folk. Meetings of fellowship, outlets for hobbies and interests, musical and recreation opportunities, avenues of service—all these and many more might be provided by an alert Adult or Young Adult group. These efforts should be consistent, however, and preferably continual. From a selfish point of view, the Adult group itself would be greatly strengthened by the exercise of this concern. It would open new avenues of usefulness, and provide a vast new source of inspiration.

May this 81st anniversary month be a time of high adventure, when Adult groups look backward in gratitude and forward in planning. *New power and new purpose* will be found as more graded Christian Endeavor societies for all ages are sponsored by Adults, in a proper concern for the total youth program of the church. *New satisfaction* will be found as adequate interests and incentive are made possible for "senior citizens" by the active concern of younger Adults. God has added years to their lives; only God's people can add life to their years.





# "I Am Debtor"

Romans 1:8-15

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Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

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## Leader's Preparation

Study carefully the topic Scripture and the Daily Readings in connection with the topic on page 18 of this issue.

Pray often that God will help your society to achieve the aims of this topic on witnessing for Christ.

Outline your program carefully and assign parts prayerfully. Arrange for a fitting musical number on evangelism.

Publicize your meeting with a poster, announcement in your Sunday school, and also a notice in your church bulletin.

See that the meeting room is arranged neatly and has a picture of Christ to be unveiled during the moments of consecration at the close.

Work with the Lookout Committee of your society in making a list of young people who should be contacted for Christ during the weeks leading up to Easter.

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Presentation of Theme: Romans 1:16

Praise Time in Singing

Power of the Word: Read Romans 1:8-15

Practice of Prayer: Write out specific requests for prayer and pass them out to several who will participate

Proving Talents: Receive the evening offering and have the special musical number at this time

Proper Procedures for Witnessing: Conduct a discussion period on the Daily Readings based on the questions suggested below

Provoking Thoughts: Arrange for your counselor or minister to give a call to commitment at this time

Preparation for Service: Conduct a consecration service in which all will participate (see suggestions below)

Prayer Circle

## Suggested Songs

*I Gave My Life for Thee*

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ*

*Make Me a Blessing*

*More Love to Thee*

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

## Additional Resource Materials

*A Program Guide for Christian Endeavor Societies* (Senior High-Young People's Edition 1961-62), pages 3 and 4 and suggestions for March for Lookout Committee on page 17

*A Vital Program for Youth*, page 1

*What Is Evangelism?*

*How to Win Youth*

*Life's Greatest Decisions*

*Taking Others Along*

(These materials may be ordered from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. See or ask for a free copy of the *Catalog of Literature and Supplies*)

## OUR AIMS

To realize the responsibility which Christian youth have to bear the message of Christ to others

To discover means of sharing the Gospel of Christ with other youth

## Daily Reading Discussions

1. ZACCHAEUS (Luke 19:1-10)

What kind of person was he? Why did he want to see Jesus? How did he attract Jesus' attention? What was Jesus' reaction? Did others approve? What ultimately happened in Zacchaeus' life? Can you think of any who are "seeking" church members today?

2. THE DISCIPLES (Luke 9:23-27)

What three things must one who comes to Christ do? Explain the words "save" and "lose" in 9:24,25. Do you know of any who have saved or lost their lives in this sense? What does "ashamed" mean in its two uses in 9:26?

3. JOHN THE BAPTIST (John 1:35-42)

What did John testify of Jesus? Why did the two disciples follow Jesus? What was Andrew's belief about Jesus? Whom did he find and bring to Jesus? Can you name such a "chain reaction" Christian?

4. PAUL, THE APOSTLE (Romans 10:1-13)

What was Paul's constant prayer for his people? What should the Jewish law have led the Jews to do? Why didn't all of them do so? What does it mean to "confess" and "believe"? Who can call upon God? Can you name some religious person who has finally believed in Christ?

5. A RUNNER (I Corinthians 9:18-27)

How did Paul seek to win others to Christ? How was he "temperate" in all things? Why did he keep his body in subjection? What qualities of his life should be expressed in ours also?

6. AGRIPPA (Acts 26:24-32)

What gripping question was put to the king? Can you name somebody who is "almost persuaded" to accept Christ? Do Christians today have the same concern which Paul expressed in 26:29?

7. THE CHURCH AT ROME (Romans 1:8-15)

Why was Paul a debtor? To whom are we debtors? What does it mean to be ready to preach the Gospel? Why should the Christian not be ashamed?

## Call to Commitment

The counselor or minister can at this point make reference to some of those mentioned in the preceding discussions who had been redeemed and others who needed redemption.

Then he should make a clear-cut challenge to the sense of obligation which each Christian should have toward others who have not been redeemed through Christ.

He should conclude the challenge with the presentation of a list of names care prepared by the Lookout Committee. This should be prospects for the members of society to reach with a Christian testin in the coming weeks before Easter.

There should be a clear indication of how to go about witnessing for Christ. This should include the proper approach, helpful materials to be used, and request to be returned to the Lookout Committee for the sake of follow-up.

Then there might be a time of quiet in which each youth asks God to lay a upon his heart.

## Consecration Service

During the time of quiet meditation, lights can be turned out and a spotlight can be turned on the picture of Christ the front of the room.

The leader should then point out the fulfillment of their Christian Endeavor pledge to win others to Christ, society members should make a silent resolve to witness to at least one other during the coming weeks by coming to the front and taking a card bearing the name of some of young person for whom they will pray whom they will seek to win for Christ the church.

Some will hesitate, and it might be suggested that two might come together then enter into a joint witnessing for Christ. Every active member of the society should plan to take some part in this consecration service. Each card taken should be reported to the Lookout Committee at the door as the youth leave the meeting room.

The circle of prayer at the close out to bind the youth together as never before in an all-out effort to reach their friends for Christ during the coming weeks.

## Alternate Programming

Instead of having a general discussion of the Bible characters mentioned in the Daily Readings, the leader might prefer to have seven different members to report on answers to the suggested questions. Or Bible groups might be formed to consider each unit and then to bring their findings to total group. In this case, time should be allowed for both the buzz groups and the brief reports.

Or instead of a study of the Daily Readings, it might be helpful to have a presentation of some of the resource materials listed above. For example, *How to Win Youth* would provide information about Bible centered methods of evangelism, and *Life's Greatest Decisions* would help youth to understand more fully the decisions which they have made or could make in witnessing for Christ in everyday life.

If the leader feels that the group is ready to accept the challenge of the consecration service suggested above, then might be well to have each one, in response to his name during a roll call, to tell why and how he accepted Christ as his Savior. Then the leader could make a challenge encouraging all to bring another to the same joy which they have found in Christ.

He might also emphasize during this period that Christ has done so much for us that we must do our best to present the Gospel to others and to influence them to repent and to follow Christ in their own lives.

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



## Tested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
Worship: John 8:12  
Song: *The Love of God*  
Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Verses: *Wide as the Ocean; God's Way*  
*Way; Saved to Tell Others*  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14; John 1:9  
Presentation  
Delight Consecration Service  
Song (to be sung during the lighting of candles): *Just as I Am, Thine Own to Be*  
Christian Endeavor Pledge (in unison)  
Prayer  
Benediction

## Leader's Plans

The effectiveness of this meeting will depend much on your prayerful planning and prayerful preparation each participant makes. This is the first Sunday of the month, and as leader you may desire the help of your counselor or pastor and the optional Committee for the concluding consecration service.

Whether the suggested program outline allowed or not, all parts of the program should lead up to the consecration portion of the meeting.

Special assignments should be made at least two weeks ahead, and announcements for the meeting in the church bulletin, other people's meetings, on posters, etc. should be made at least one week before the meeting.

Worship center for the evening could be arranged on a small table covered with white cloth. A Bible opened to Romans 8:36, a large white candle representing Christ, Light of the World, and smaller candles to be lighted by members during the consecration service could be arranged on the table.

The one in charge of the consecration service will outline briefly the order of service and light the large candle. As the leader sings *Just as I Am, Thine Own to Me*, members will file past the large candle, lighting a small candle which they will carry with them as they return to their seats. When the special number is finished, the leader will repeat the Christian Endeavor Pledge in unison. Conclude the service with prayer followed by the Mizpah benediction in unison.

## Leader's Introduction

Have you ever tried to imagine how different our lives would be if Jesus had never come? If God had left Adam and Eve forever when they disobeyed Him in the Garden of Eden, how would their lives have been different? But this didn't happen because God did care. He loved man so much He did a plan by which to help him and give him hope. Jesus came because God loved so much He did not want us to die in sin and be eternally lost. John tells of this great love so beautifully in John 3:16. When we accept Jesus Christ, God's gift of love, as our Saviour, our lives are changed completely and we want to share this message of hope. We become a light to others who have not received Christ as Lord.

The picture of a world without a Saviour would be dark indeed. People would not be able to find peace and happiness any more than a person is able to find his way

# A Flame of Sacred Love

Matthew 5:14; John 1:9

March 4

Junior High (12-14 Years)



## AIMS

1. To seek to realize more fully what the love of God in the heart of the believer can mean to him and to others
2. To give ourselves more fully to God that His love may more completely rule our lives and glorify Him

## QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. How did the love of God in the hearts of the early Christians affect their lives? Give examples.
2. How do those who are not Christians feel about the Bible, praying, or in any way seeking God's will for their lives?
3. When we receive Christ as our Saviour, what difference does it make in our lives? In our feelings toward those who are not Christians?

on a very dark night without the aid of a light. Perhaps you have had such an experience and know how it feels. If you have, you can easily understand how important light is and why Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). The smallest flame of light pushes back the darkness and we are able to see a short distance. The greater the light the more we are able to see.

This evening we want to consider how this love of God became a sacred flame, changing lives in the early church, and how it still changes lives today, helping us to find our way through life.

## God's Love in the Early Church

Men who had followed Jesus as He went about during His earthly ministry loved Him greatly, yet were fearful after He returned to heaven. However, they did believe His promise that the Holy Spirit would come and obeyed His command to tarry in Jerusalem until that time.

When the Holy Spirit entered the hearts of the believers at Pentecost, they were activated by the love they felt in their hearts. They had believed Christ was the promised Messiah and in many ways had been conscious of His love for them. But at Pentecost the Holy Spirit brought the love of God into their hearts. The believers then had a different attitude toward those around them who had not believed on Christ. They no longer feared them, but thought of them as people for whom Christ had died. Above everything else, even their own safety, they wanted to tell them of Christ.

Peter, who had pretended so strongly he did not know Jesus when He was on trial, now courageously faced a much greater crowd and spoke to them of a loving Saviour who died for them and who would forgive them of their sins if only they were willing to repent and allow Him to become their Saviour.

Later Stephen, in the midst of a people he knew hated him, gladly told them of the wonderful Saviour he had learned to know so that they too might have His love in their hearts and rejoice. Stephen's life was short, but he witnessed bravely for Christ until the moment of his death and asked God to forgive those who were stoning him.

## The Love of Christ Today

Sin keeps many people today from opening their hearts to receive Christ as Saviour. They say they can live a good life without God's help. They are confident they do not need to read the Bible or find out what God would have them do. Yet these same people would not try to drive along a busy road at night without lights. To do that would be sure death, not only for themselves but perhaps for others too, they well know. Still on this greatest journey of all, the journey of life, they want to travel in the dark! In Psalm 119:105 we read, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

These same people will tell us they do not need to pray or talk with God who has done so much for all. They would treat no earthly friend in such a manner. If they have a job which they cannot do, they do not hesitate to seek help from someone who knows what to do. If they feel they have wronged someone, they quickly apologize. How anxious our Heavenly Father is that we seek His guidance and help in living our lives and that we just as earnestly confess our sins and ask His forgiveness! When people are ready to do this, they will experience the love of God in their hearts too.

## The Power of God's Love

So many times we feel that living the Christian life would have been easier had we lived when the early disciples like Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy lived. But God did not promise His love to just a few people living at a certain time. The writer of Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Since this is true, we can be sure that God's love for us has not changed and neither will He refuse to hear us when we pray. God's promises are just as dependable today as when He first made them. He will hear us just as readily when we call upon Him in prayer today. He will speak just as definitely through His Word as He spoke to His people in the early church.

Yes, Jesus is ready to kindle the flame of His love in our hearts, light our way through His Holy Word, and make us bright and shining lights in the darkness of sin—if we are willing to let Him become the Lord of our lives. What is our decision?

Comments by Wilma L. Monroe, an elementary schoolteacher in Celina, Ohio, director of camps for the United Brethren in Christ, and a former missionary in Sierra Leone





# "Into the Highways"

Luke 14:15-24

No. 2 in a Series: "Personal Evangelism"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

March 11

## For the Leader

This topic should express the call of Christ to young people to go into the "highways" of life and bring others into fellowship with the Lord through personal witnessing.

An interesting way of presenting the topic would be through role playing. Ask six persons to take part. Two groups of three could present scenes of how to witness for Christ. In each demonstration, two persons should act out the role of Christian Endeavorers witnessing to a third person. If two groups are used, the program could be varied by having different settings for the witnessing. One could be a call in a home as a part of an organized program of visitation. The other could be a spontaneous encounter which takes place at school or in some other location where an opportunity for witnessing comes out of the experience of life's activities.

Those chosen for the role playing should be instructed as to what you expect from them but should not rehearse. The demonstration will be more effective if there is a real exchange of spontaneous questions and answers among those acting out the situation. The presentations should be about ten minutes each. A time of discussion should follow in which the methods used can be talked over and suggestions made for improvement.

The material presented here will help you to plan your introduction of the demonstrations. It will also give some help to those taking part in how to witness and some of the objections which are often used by those who are not Christians. Because of space limitations, some of the suggestions are in outline form, and those sharing in the program should consult the pastor or others for help.

Publicity for the program can be planned around the theme. Clippings or drawings showing people in the busy pattern of life can be the focal point for introducing your program on posters. Brief skits by yourself and others in the Sunday school can also be used to announce the service.

You will find a number of hymns suitable for this topic. Some of them are: *Give of Your Best to the Master*; *Jesus Saves*; *I Love to Tell the Story*; *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*; *I Am Praying for You*; *Send the Light*; and the chorus *Let the Beauty of Jesus*. You will find many others in your hymnal.

## Leader's Introduction

*Try to put this into your own words.*

"Where is my dad?" This was the question asked by a teen-age girl who had just given herself to Christ. Her first impulse was to witness to her father. Most persons in the first thrill of knowing Christ desire

to tell the good news to others. They are like the young fellow who accepted Christ in a camp meeting deep in the South. He exclaimed, "No one's eber gonna' hear de last of dis!"

Most of us experience this and we mean it. We honestly want to tell others about Christ and we want to win them. But the first flush of our enthusiasm subsides, and then we are bothered with the realization that we aren't doing what we set out to do.

It isn't that we haven't had the intention of doing so. The basic reason for our not witnessing is the lack of a motive and a knowledge of how to go about it. This is what our topic is all about—to motivate us to witness and at least to give some basic help in how to start.

Our motivation for witnessing is the commission given by Jesus to His followers. He gave to them the greatest assignment ever handed down from a leader to his followers. They were citizens of a world just as corrupt and evil as our own. Men in all walks of life had become cheap and selfish. To them, religion was a salve to be applied to burning consciences. Who would dare to buck all this? Who would attempt to turn such a world upside down?

And yet, Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "Go, win that world to me. Make disciples everywhere." He said, "Go out along the highways of life where such men live and bring them in!"

Our motive comes from the example of those followers. They numbered only 120 after the ascension of Christ, but after the experience of Pentecost, they scattered throughout the streets of Jerusalem and of their world. Every man became a witness. In response, some men cried out for the grace of God; others picked up stones or swords to stop these witnesses, but their voices could not be stilled. Within 60 years the first band of 120 had swelled to over half a million dedicated Christians. Historians estimate that within 110 years, the disciples of Christ had touched their known world for Him. Their onward progress was so steady and relentless that those who once stood against it cried out in distress, "O Galilean, Thou hast conquered!" The mighty army of God, composed of ordinary persons, did what Christ had asked them to do. Taking His commission seriously, they went everywhere telling men of what they had seen and heard. How can we of our day do less?

There are certain qualifications for those who would witness:

1. To be a witness you must be a Christian. You cannot witness to that which you do not know. You must possess that which you would share. Unless you know Christ as personal Saviour, you cannot introduce Him to others.

2. To be a witness you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. The presence of with you brings both the power and the guidance needed for fruitful witnessing. the disciples waited before God in prayer so must we. When we earnestly pray behalf of others, the Spirit will lead us opportunities to win them for Christ.

To be a witness you must be persuaded of the need of others. Unless you are deeply convinced of the present and eternal consequences of a person's not knowing Christ, you will scarcely be moved to do anything about it.

3. To be a witness you must know the Scriptures. We can never substitute stories and opinions for the power of the Word of God. The Bible is the sword of the Spirit. It can not only pierce the heart with conviction when all else fails, frequently it is the only ray of light where all else is darkness.

Suggested verses to be understood used are as follows:

1. The need for a Saviour: Romans 3:23, Galatians 6:7, and Romans 6:23.
2. Man's inability to save himself: Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8,9, and John 1:12.
3. The gift of Christ to redeem: John 3:16, Isaiah 53:5,6, and II Corinthians 5:21.
4. Some responses men ought to make: I John 1:9, Isaiah 55:7, and Isaiah 55:1.
5. The act of faith: Hebrews 11:6, John 6:37, and I John 3:21.

## The How of Witnessing

1. Where does one begin? The circle of witnessing begins with close acquaintances and spreads to casual associates and strangers.

2. These pointers on approaching others may help. Be interested in persons; be perfectly frank; be informal and natural; choose a time and place which will not embarrass the other person or yourself; avoid arguments—you cannot convince others by telling them how wrong they are.

3. Use your personal testimony—tell others with enthusiasm what Christ has done for you. Such a testimony must exalt Christ and encourage the other person to turn to Him also.

4. Some of the objections often encountered are: honest doubt, skepticism, or statements such as "I am doing the best I can," "I am not too bad," "I feel all right," "I can I be sure?" or "God will not punish people for their mistakes."

5. A good example of how to engage persons in conversation and to witness to them is the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. (Consult John 4:1-42)

## Follow-Up

As a result of this topic, your society may wish to ask your pastor to give a course in personal evangelism and help you set up a program of visitation and witnessing for Christ. Perhaps you will want to make preliminary plans during the next meeting. Be sure to consult your pastor and perhaps he will be able to be present himself. Conclude with one of the hymns suggested above and a challenge for all to answer Christ's call to go "into the highways" and win others for Him.

Comments by Rev. George Weaver, pastor of the Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



## Linking Up Your Program

The counselor and topic leader should link together in making preparations. A play should be constructed to provide interest to the discussion. Maps of your local area, your own state, and even national map may be displayed on a wall in your meeting room. Books about hot rodding may also be featured on a table. Display a large Bible in the center of this exhibit.

Invite a speaker to represent some hot rod club in your area and to tell about the work of his club. If possible, other members of the club may also attend and take part in the discussion. Advertise the meeting well with announcements and posters at church, at school, and in your community.

## Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
Include: *Send the Light*  
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Introduction of Visitors  
Discussion of Topic  
Illustrations from Life  
Counselor's Challenge  
Prayer of Dedication  
Closing Hymn: *Living for Jesus*  
Benediction

## For the Counselor

Counselors often complain that youth lose interest in the Christian Endeavor program. Sometimes this is the fault of the program and not the fault of youth. When a program becomes cut and dried, when we get a rut, youth will lose interest. For this reason the program should be varied. Bring new ideas. Conduct programs in different ways. Tonight's topic suggests a special display and a discussion of varied life problems. Use this opportunity to the best advantage.

Just before the time for dedication in the suggested program, give a challenge to the youth. Begin by summarizing the highlights of the discussion. Conclude by offering each society member the opportunity to dedicate himself completely to the cause of Christ.

## The Hot Rod Club

Hot rodding is attractive to many youth. We like to hear the sound of a good motor. We like to feel the wind in our faces as we rush across God's good earth. We like to show our skill in caring for the car of our dreams. Hot rodding is great sport when it is carried out in the right way and under proper supervision. Many phases of hot rodding remind us of God and His laws.

## Rules and Regulations

Any club has certain rules and regulations. They are most important in a hot rod club. Members of the club are required to follow standards which promote sportsmanship, are in line with the laws of our land, and which give protection to club members and others. In this way the hot rod club is like the work of God. He, too, has certain requirements for those who follow Him. In the Old Testament these rules and regulations were called laws. Now they are called principles of Christianity. They require certain things of each member of the church. Each must recognize the authority of God. Each must work for the betterment of all. Each must so direct his

# Hot Rodding

Proverbs 3:5,6,21-26

March 11

Junior High (12-14 Years)

### ILLUSTRATIONS FROM LIFE

Illustrate these ideas with stories from modern living:

1. Speed kills Christian witness.
2. Brakes are important for the Christian.
3. Travel is more enjoyable with Christian companions.
4. Play safe on the Christian road.
5. God guides us with His steering wheel.

life that it will be a service and guide to others.

## Lawbreaking

A hot rod club promotes obedience to the laws of the land. It offers an opportunity to release tension and emotion and expend energy under the direction and supervision of the club. Lawbreakers are not allowed to be a part of such a club. Christian Endeavor serves this same purpose in the work of Christ and the Church. If we break Christian laws of moral and ethical standards, we find ourselves outside the work of the kingdom. God expects His people to be obedient and to fulfill their obligations as members of His Church. Christian Endeavor helps us to do so.

## Divine Road Map

Look at our display of maps. Notice that the roads are marked with numbers to follow. The Christian life must also be followed by such a map. The Bible is our divine road map. The church and Christian Endeavor serve as an information bureau for Christian travelers. We often see the sign of a leading gas company which says, "As you travel ask us." The church could well use the same advertising in the realm of Christian guidance. Church leaders know the way and will of God. They will help all who come to them.

## Power of the Quiet Hour

As the motor gives power to the hot rod the Quiet Hour gives power to the Christian. A hot rod will run only as fast and perform as well as the motor which is in it. A Christian will have power only as he prays and meditates in the Quiet Hour. Those who do mechanical work on the hot rod spend much time adjusting, testing, and in other ways developing the best in the car. Those of us who would give our best performance for Christ and the Church must also spend time and effort in adjusting and developing our lives. The sensitive ear of the mechanic knows the condition of the motor. We must sense the spiritual condition of our lives.

## Traveling Companions

A journey can be pleasant or unpleasant depending to some degree upon those with whom we travel. Members of a hot rod club form their organization that they may have the company of others with similar interests. They enjoy the play and work they do together. The same is true of the Christian journey. Young men and young

women of the church should travel and work together. We call this fellowship. In Christian work we meet others who have interests in tune with our own thoughts and ideas. The church brings us into contact with traveling companions who will become lifelong friends. It even brings many boys and girls together as life companions. Many have fallen in love and married traveling companions whom they have met in Christian Endeavor.

## Obstacles

We should not always expect the road ahead to be clear of obstacles. There will be many things to hinder our Christian lives. Just as a dirty carburetor, a faulty spark plug, or a clogged gas line hinders the efficiency of a hot rod motor, wicked or worthless habits will hinder our work for Christ and the Church. As the lover of hot rods works to free his motor of these obstacles, we must work to free our lives of things which hinder the cause of Christ. When evil creeps into our lives, we must go to God with the problem. He knows how to correct our lives just as the mechanic knows how to adjust his motor for the best performance.

## Road Safety

The road can be just as safe as people make it. When people use common sense on the highway, accidents are few. When we forget courtesy and drive without regard for the rights of others, accidents increase. Speed kills! Carelessness causes collisions! A car on a one-way street going the wrong direction is in serious trouble.

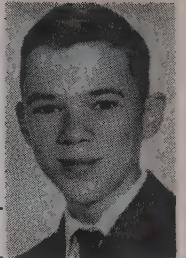
We find many similar situations in the church. People bring trouble upon themselves in their Christian lives. If they are careless, if they refuse to follow the marked pathway of Christian living, if they attempt to speed through life without direction, they will come to a violent end. God will reward the faithful, but He has no joy in those who persist in evil.

## Be Dependable

If God's people are dependable, they will reach the welcome of eternal existence at the end of this life. If they fail in their obligation to Christ and the Church they will become a casualty of evil living. God expects our best. He expects us to follow His teachings. He expects us to put the brake on fast living. He wants us to have the proper direction instead of great speed. If we are under His guidance, we will be dependable to God and to others.

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper, pastor of the General Baptist Church in Atchison, Kansas

Pictures of Christian Endeavorers being carried currently on the topic pages are used to represent all Christian youth who study these topics in the weekly meetings of their societies.







# "What Shall We Do?"

Acts 2:37-47

No. 1 in a Series: "Being a Christian"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

March 18

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service  
Musical Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:37-47  
Evening Prayer  
Offering  
Presentation of Topic  
Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly*  
Opportunity to Decide for Christ  
Prayer and Benediction

## How to Present the Topic

Place a large chalkboard behind and raised somewhat above the table where the speakers are sitting, the leader in the center. On the blackboard draw a winding stream in the midst of a forest with four blank areas spaced evenly along its route: one at the left side, the next about a third of the way along, the next about another third of the way along, and the last on the right hand side. In the first blank area write the word "recognition," in the second "repentance," in the third "faith," and in the last "surrender" with a cross above it. As each speaker rises to present his message, let him attach a colored streamer which is pinned to his shoulder to the appropriate space on the chalkboard and let it remain there during the entire presentation.

## Introduction

Let the leader of the meeting make an introductory statement to the effect that salvation is a matter of personal decision, a decision with which we are confronted through the mysterious working of God in our lives. We may be made aware of the necessity of such a decision in countless ways: through the word of a concerned Christian friend, the winsomeness of another Christian's life, a deep sorrow, a grave disappointment, an illness, the voice of conscience, or the reading of the Bible, to mention but some of the ways.

At the time of such a decision and perhaps for some while afterwards, we may not realize all that was involved. But looking back on the experience we shall see eventually that there was a definite pattern being followed even though the circumstances surrounding it may have varied from that of others. It is the intent of this topic to set forth the basic pattern of the way of salvation in the hope that those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour may be helped and encouraged to do so.

## First Speaker (Recognition)

Taking the passage Luke 18:9-14, let the speaker set forth clearly the way an individual can recognize his real condition

## OUR AIMS

To realize our need of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord if we would be one with God and enter into the fulness of life

To recognize the way that must be followed in accepting Christ

To encourage all who have not done so to decide for Christ as soon as possible

and what that should produce in him. Be sure to point out that the way to measure one's true spiritual condition is by comparing oneself with Jesus, not others. When that is done, then the spirit of the publican or tax collector rather than the Pharisee will be present. In that spirit one can approach God, and God will be ready to satisfy the heart's desire.

## Second Speaker (Repentance)

Let this speaker point out that a true evaluation of one's condition as a result of comparing his life with that of Jesus begets a sense of personal dissatisfaction and a feeling of estrangement from God. Such a realization should then lead to repentance. By repentance is meant more than merely sorrow or penitence. Repentance means confession of shame for what one is, for what one does, and an ardent desire to be as pure and loving in life and deed as was Jesus. Repentance means a turning about, a going in the opposite direction. Instead of walking away from God and His commandments, it means walking toward God and yearning to be in accord with His every wish. Refer to the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32.

## Third Speaker (Faith)

Let this speaker stress the fact that faith is belief, believing that God wants every man to be at one with Him, and that God has demonstrated His desire in giving Himself in Jesus Christ who came to seek and to save the lost. Faith is also trust, trusting Jesus Christ to fulfill all His promises in behalf of those who accept Him as the crucified and risen Saviour. In this connection let the speaker read and use John 14:1-7.

## Fourth Speaker (Surrender)

Let this speaker emphasize the fact that one is saved for something as well as from something. Salvation is not only deliverance from the power of sin and its wages, death, but also the equipping of an individual to live a life that will bless others because spent in self-sacrificing service, a life that will be winsome because it radiates the love and purity of Christ in all things and at all times. Salvation is not a once-and-for-all experience. Rather it is a continuing process whereby the struggle between the good and the evil within man gradually results in the triumph of the former

over the latter. This can be achieved when an individual yields his all to the use of Jesus Christ. This can result when Jesus is allowed to have His own within one. This will be true when in sincerity one can say with Paul, (read *Corinthians 2:20*).

## Conclusion

Let the leader or pastor now summarize the thoughts expressed by the various speakers, emphasizing such points as recognition, repentance, faith, and surrender as the way of salvation. Then let the leader stress that now is the time for decision on the part of those who have not made their peace with God. Let the group engage in silent prayer and meditation for some moments to consider these things. Then let the suggested hymn be played through by the pianist and then sung by the entire group.

## Illustration

Several years ago newspapers the country over were headlining a story concerning a young lad who had gone on a hike in Maine woods and had failed to return. After a day passed without his return, searching parties failed to locate him. His parents had all but given up hope of ever seeing him again when on the eleventh day the word was received that the boy had made his way to a farmer's home many miles away.

After he had been reunited with his family and had fully recovered, he was asked by a reporter how he had managed to find his way out of the forest. "Well," he replied, "the first thing I did was to recognize and accept the fact that I was lost. Then I remembered from my Boy Scout training that if one is lost and comes upon a stream, to follow its course and it will lead somewhere. So I looked for a found such a stream, and after ten days brought me to a farmer's house."

This story is worth recounting because it is a perfect illustration of the spiritual pilgrimage that every one who is lost in the forest of sin must take in order to be restored to the love and security of his heavenly Father from whom he is estranged.

## Promoting the Meeting

Send out personal invitations to every member of the group and others who would like to have in your group ten or twenty days before the meeting is to be held. Be sure to state therein all the necessary information as to topic, time, place, and date of meeting. Have the meeting announced in the church bulletin. Have the pastor emphasize it on Sunday at the services. Let each member follow up the invitations personally calling on a particular young person for whom he is responsible and ranging with that one to go to the meeting together.

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament studies at Bloomfield College and Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1222 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.



## Preparation for Meeting

Get together with the five young people who are to take part in the three Episodes, being sure they understand what you are going to illustrate by presenting them. If you have time in your meeting, invite some adult trained in talking with people about spiritual matters to give you pointers. This could be the closing of the meeting, rather than the sponsor's summary.

## Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
Announcements and Offering  
Worship Time  
Scripture (Colossians 4:1-6) and Prayer  
Episodes I, II, III (first time)  
Leader's Comments  
Episodes I, II, III (second time)  
Leader's Comments  
Sponsor's Summary or Talk by Guest  
Benediction

### Three Episodes (first time)

I. Two girls carrying schoolbooks come from front of room from opposite directions and meet as they would in school hallway. Their dialogue is similar to the following:

Alice: Oh, Jane, I've been wanting to see you. I heard you got to go to the after-game party with the high school gang. How was it?

Jane: It was a lot of fun. Most of the football team came, and that new fellow who plays quarterback is a dream!

Alice: What did Carol wear?

Jane: That character! She came all dolled up in a fancy party dress, high heels, and lots of make-up. She's a goon. Everybody knew this was a casual party. Sure wish you could have come too!

Alice: Yeah, so do I. . . .

Girls walk off as if going to class.

II. Boy slouches in, dragging his heels, down in the mouth, hair mussed, sloppily dressed. He ambles across the front of the room with a grouchy, disinterested look and sits.

III. Two girls enter from right, one girl from left. The two are talking as they approach the other girl who timidly says "Hi." After the two have passed her, one looks back and says "Oh, hi, Mary." All exit.

### Leader's Comments

Our topic is "Conversation for Christ." Can you see any connection between this topic and the three brief episodes you have just seen? Would you call any of these conversations for Christ? Could they have been? What do you think of when you hear the phrase "conversation for Christ"? Give opportunity for group to discuss these questions.)

Did it ever occur to you that every time we open our mouths to say something we start a conversation that could and should be for Christ? And if our conversation isn't for Christ, then there is a good chance that it may well be against Him. (Develop this idea.)

In the Scriptures we see that the word "conversation" has been used to mean all of a person's actions and conduct (I Tim-

# Conversation for Christ

Colossians 4:1-6

March 18

Junior High (12-14 Years)



### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is it difficult for us to talk to our friends about Christ?
2. Is it easier to live for Christ or to talk for Him?
3. Must we "preach" at our friends, or is there a better approach?

Colossians 4:12; Philippians 1:27; Hebrews 13:5). Perhaps it is from this idea that we get the saying "Actions speak louder than words." With this in mind let's look at some of the various ways we can engage in "conversation for Christ."

For instance, your attitude as you walk down the street is conversation for Christ. If you are alert and friendly, if you look happy and alive, then you have said a great deal for what Christ has done in your life. If you are calm and cheerful when things seem to be going wrong and it looks as if you can't win for losing, your friends will wonder what it is that you have in your life that is missing in theirs. They may just ask you about it, which will give you the perfect opportunity to speak up for Christ. Even the way you say "hi" to others at school can be conversation for Christ. A smile or a frown will sometimes tell more than a whole sermon.

Let's go back to our three episodes and see how they might have been turned into conversation for Christ.

### Three Episodes (second time)

I. Same two girls approach from opposite sides of the room.

Alice: Hi, Jane! Say, I heard you went to the high school after-game party Friday night. How was it?

Jane: Terrific! Most of the football team came, and we had a grand time playing games and singing. It started out to be just fun songs, but then Carl began singing choruses, and first thing you know we were having a real singspiration.

Alice: I didn't think it was a church party.

Jane: Oh, it wasn't, not really. Of course, most of the kids do attend our church, and when that foreign exchange student asked about some of our C.E. choruses, Pete really gave forth on meaning what we say when we sing choruses and hymns. I was so glad he said what he did, because several of the football team seemed real interested to think we really mean it when we sing *Living for Jesus* and *Wide as the Ocean*. I sure wish you could have been there too, Alice.

Alice: Me too. I've always wanted to go to one of the high school parties, but I didn't realize just how wonderful they really are. . . .

Girls exit as if going to class.

II. The same boy enters, walking briskly, head up, smile on his face, hair combed,

clothes neat, looking alive, and glad that he is. He exits.

III. Same two girls enter from right, one from left. As the two who are talking approach the third girl, both smile, and one says, "Hi, Mary. How is your mother?" Mary replies, "Much better, thank you," and the girls proceed on in the direction they were going. All exit.

### Leader's Comments

How were these episodes different from the first ones which we saw? (Take time to discuss the differences.) Were they really conversations for Christ?

These three episodes point out that each Christian youth can witness for Christ if we yield ourselves to Him and ask Him to make us conscious of what we say and do. Let's consider this business of talking about spiritual things with our friends.

Boys talk about cars and sports—because they heard the "big" boys talking about them when they were growing up and naturally became interested in them. Girls talk about boys and clothes for the same reasons.

Why don't we seem interested in talking about spiritual things? It is probably because we haven't heard "older" youth discussing such things as we grew up.

As a group, let's try changing our conversation so that it won't seem strange to talk about spiritual things. We can still talk about cars and sports and clothes, but let's talk about spiritual things too! Maybe we don't know much to talk about now, but let's read the Bible and pray and attend all the services of our church regularly—and soon we'll be experts on spiritual things!

In the Scripture we read tonight, Paul says that our speech should always be with grace and seasoned with salt. Thus, we will always be able to talk to others about what Christ means to us personally. Here are some dos and don'ts to follow in witnessing to others:

DON'T memorize a speech or Scriptures to quote without meaning. DO know Christ personally and be well acquainted with the Scriptures.

DON'T back a person into a corner and preach to him. DO approach the subject in a natural manner.

DON'T rush up to people just so you can report on how many people to whom you have witnessed in a day. DO be concerned for your friends and ask God to lead you to the person to whom you should speak.

DON'T talk freely for Christ and then deny your witness by the way you live. DO have close fellowship with Christ so that He controls your words and actions.

Comments by Roberta Carrington, regional vice-president for San Bernardino County and Training Superintendent for the California Christian Endeavor Union





# "Unto a Perfect Man"

Ephesians 4:11-16

No. 2 in a Series: "Being a Christian"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

March 25

## Publicity

Prepare for your bulletin board a poster depicting a person who is emaciated and another who is healthy and robust, with the caption "Are You a Spiritual Weakening or a Growing Christian?" Add details concerning the meeting.

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service  
Hymn: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
Sentence Prayers  
Announcements and Offering  
Special Music  
Presentation of Topic  
Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*  
Benediction

## For the Leader

Make this an unusual presentation. Several possibilities for unique ways of presenting the topic follow. Choose at least one of the suggestions and involve as many members of your society as possible in the presentation. Consult the resource materials suggested below for further ideas.

## First Plan

One method of presenting the topic would be to raise some questions which would provide a framework for discussion and to which several members could respond according to plans made before the meeting. The following is a sample of what could be done:

Ask what the Bible says about the need for Christian growth.

Have one member of the group respond by reading II Peter 3:14-18 and indicating that the Scripture contains three facts relevant to Christian growth: 1. A Christian may not understand all Scripture, but he should keep trying to do so. 2. Christian stability is always threatened when a Christian is indifferent. 3. Every Christian is admonished to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Have another member of the group state something like this: "I am sure that all of us realize that we need to grow in the Christian life, but how are we going to do it?"

The leader could say, "I am sure that we all realize that this is a problem. Perhaps we could share some things that would help us grow in Christ." Among the things that are discussed, be sure to include such things as study of the Bible, prayer, fellowship with other Christians, Christian service, and participation in the work and worship of the church.

The leader could point out that I Peter 2:1-9 not only states that Christians must grow spiritually, but that this growth takes place within the Christian fellowship.

The leader could then raise the question, "Is there any relationship between our growth as Christians and what we do in our Christian Endeavor society? Or on the other hand, do we prevent Christian development?" Emphasis should be placed upon the value of the Quiet Hour, Tenth Legion, church attendance, and Christian citizenship phases of Christian Endeavor.

The leader might give opportunity to make suggestions as to ways that the society might make improvements in its effort to encourage Christian growth. Read Ephesians 4:11-16, which indicates the nature and purpose of the ministry of the church.

It should be pointed out that being Christian is not the achievement of a certain level of ethical living, but it is rather a relationship to Christ. It is a direction of life. This is made clear in Philippians 3:7-14. Have this read from one or more translations of the Bible.

Add that even though the group may provide an atmosphere and support for Christian growth, it cannot grow for the individual. This Paul tells us in Philippians 2:12, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Christian living is not easy, neither is it impossible. There must be persistence and continual effort, and God will grant us the grace to live a victorious life.

## Second Plan

A tableau could be presented that presents the same general theme of a Christian's development. A tape recorder could be used to present the narration.

The first scene could be that of a discouraged Christian. The narration could present some of the meditations of such a person. He could be presented as thinking about such commands as those found in Matthew 5:43-48. The discouraged Christian realizes that he is not perfect or even what he should be. He raises the question, "But how can I grow toward perfection?"

The second scene could be that of a Christian reading his Bible. He takes courage as he reads Philippians 3:7-14. But how can one be sure that he is moving "toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? As he searches God's Word, he reads I Peter 2:1-5 and II Peter 3:14-18. He then realizes three things: (1) When one becomes a Christian he is not immediately made complete or full, but he must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) He needs to be in the fellowship of other Christians. (3) Each person grows when he begins to share in the redeeming fellowship of the church.

The third scene could be that of the "weary" Christian as he looks at a Christian Endeavor poster on which are listed

"The Quiet Hour," "The Tenth Legion," "Church Attendance," and "Christian Citizenship." Different voices on the tape could present the value of each of these areas. Christian Endeavor to Christian growth, closing this tableau, emphasize the nature and purpose of the ministry of the church as presented in Ephesians 4:11-16.

Following the tableau there could be discussion of these three questions:

1. What are the most important aids to Christian growth?
2. What can each of us do personally to grow in Christ?
3. What can we do to improve the work of our society in promoting Christian growth?

## Third Plan

The approach in another plan would be Biblical answers to questions concerning Christian growth. Rather than reading the Bible, have the Scriptures all pre-recorded on a tape recorder. During the meeting the tape recorder would be at the back of the room. Have an operator to start or stop the machine as needed. The operator will need a carefully prepared script to follow if this meeting is to be effective.

The leader, after giving an introduction explaining how the lesson topic relates to the preceding topic and the plan for presentation, could use the following questions and Scriptures as a guide in presenting the topic.

1. Does one have to attain a certain level of ethical living to be a Christian? (Answer: *Philippians 3:14-17*)
2. What does the Bible say about the necessity of Christian growth? (Answer: *I Peter 2:15; II Peter 3:14-18*)
3. How long should Christian growth continue? (Answer: *Matthew 5:43-48; I Corinthians 5:8-6:2. You may need some interpretation from your counselor or minister here.*)
4. What is the relationship between the activities of our Christian Endeavor society and Christian growth? (Possible answer: *Ephesians 4:11-16*)

Then there could follow a discussion of ways in which members of the society can be of help to one another in their Christian growth.

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



## gested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
ning Devotions  
der's Introduction  
e Study  
st Interview  
z Groups  
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nselor's Summary  
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## der's Introduction

We are told in Proverbs that a man who as the law is wise. The New Testament hasizes that we should keep the spirit he law and not just the law. In our e tonight we will discuss and learn how can be of help to those who are rcers of our laws—policemen, sheriffs, hers, parents, pastors, etc. By respecting e in authority over us and aiding them heir work when we can, we are keeping spirit of the law and the Spirit of Christ. is an important area in our Christian s.

## Bible as a Guide (Bible Study)

he leader or counselor may lead this ly. Have the group take a quick silent ew of Romans 13:1-7. Then have a d reader to read this same Scripture n some of the newer translations (such Williams, Phillips, New English, etc.). en discuss these questions:

1. Where do officers of the law get their hority?

2. What kind of authority is given from p? (Phillips translation, verse 1)

3. If we oppose or resist authority, whom we oppose or resist?

4. When do we have reason to be fear- of authority?

5. What should we do if we want to id fear of authority? What will we re- ze?

6. What should be the real reason for ying authorities? (See verse 5)

7. What does the Word say about taxes?

8. Verse 7 gives a good summary on ying the law. Give this summary in your a words.

## stand Information

### uest Interview)

nvite a police officer or a judge to talk your group on law enforcement and point how citizens can be of help to officers. sure you make plans far enough ahead time, and also make sure the speaker ws what you want him to talk about and w long to talk.

## or Attitudes (Buzz Groups)

Divide into two buzz groups. Each group ould have an adult leader and a reporter. ad the main question, have the dialogue d, and then discuss the questions at the l of each section. Have the reporter of h group give a summary of what they cussed as you come together again. (This a be done all in one group if you desire.)

### Group I

QUESTION: Should a Christian report a rson if he sees him break the law?

IALOGUE: Have two people read aloud e following:

Ken: Hey, Jim, do you see what I see? t's stay here and watch that car across e street. I'm sure I saw someone around it.

Jim: Probably either your imagination or e shadows caused from that street light e street.

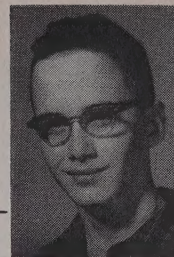
Ken: No, I'm sure I saw someone. Yes, e them! There are some kids on this side

# Come Over and Help Us

Acts 16:9; Romans 13:1-7

March 25

Junior High (12-14 Years)



## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. To what other authorities besides God's are Christians to give respect?

2. Should our attitudes toward God's authority be the same as our attitudes toward earthly authorities?

3. What does God's Word tell us that our attitude toward our parents' authority should be? (See Matthew 15:4)

4. How can the law of the Old Testament be of help to us as Christians? (See Galatians 3:24)

of the car now taking off the hub caps. There's been a lot of that in this town lately. Come on, Jim, there's a phone booth at the end of this block. Let's phone the police and report them. If we're careful they won't see us.

Jim: Not me! It's none of my business if they want some hub caps. As far as I'm concerned, they're welcome to them. The police should have been around here if they want to catch them. The ones for this area are probably sitting in a cafe somewhere drinking a cup of coffee. Besides, I'm not going to be a squealer!

Ken: O.K. if you don't want to, but I'm going to report them. Don't you know that you're just as guilty of the theft as they are if you see it and don't report it or stop it? Wait for me here.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In what way might Ken be helping the individuals by reporting them?

2. Was Jim right in thinking that the police should always be at the scene of the crime when it happens? What about his attitude that the police are always in a cafe drinking coffee?

3. How was Ken being his "brother's keeper" by stopping the crime?

4. Was Ken right in making the statement, "you're just as guilty of the theft as they are, if you see it and don't report it"?

5. Should a Christian report a person if he sees him break the law?

## Group II

QUESTION: Is it all right for a person to break a law if he thinks he won't get caught?

IALOGUE: Have two people read aloud the following:

Linda: Oh, Jan! Look at those lovely necklaces! See how that one just matches my sweater outfit. I've been wanting one for ages for this sweater, but I don't have any of my allowance left.

Jan: It is a lovely necklace, Linda. Why don't you plan to buy it next week when you get your allowance? Sorry, I don't have enough with me to loan to you.

Linda: I've just got to have it now! Say, there aren't any clerks around here close. I could slip it into my purse, and no one would know the difference.

Jan: Why Linda, that's stealing and wrong!

Linda: What's the difference if I don't get caught? Other kids do it all the time and get by with it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is wrong with Linda's attitude concerning the right to take things as long as she doesn't get caught?

2. Does one really "get by with it"?

3. What is the danger for Linda if she does do it and doesn't get caught?

4. What is wrong with the attitude that "all the other kids are doing it"?

5. What is wrong with Linda's attitude that a clerk's presence keeps people from taking things?

6. What other ways do some young people seem to think breaking the law is all right as long as they aren't caught? What about adults? What about taking things from a burned house or damaged car or property?

## Our Standards (Brainstorming)

Introduce this section as follows: "We have been discussing what the Bible tells us about keeping the law and what our attitudes toward it should be. Let's list on the chalkboard some of the things we Junior Highs can and should do to help our law officers." Use Acts 16:9 to point out their need for help.

## Counselor's Help and Summary

You can be of great help to your group by guiding them in the discussion concerning a Christian responsibility in reporting or stopping a crime. Help them, if the question arises, to see the difference between their responsibility and being "a squealer." Young people are torn between conflicting opinions concerning their duty on this matter. They need help from you.

Give help also in the brainstorming section. Here is a chance to bring out points not covered in the rest of the topic. In your summary emphasize how attitudes toward God and His laws influence attitudes toward other authority and vice versa. The attitude we have towards our parents' and teachers' authority will probably determine how well and how quickly we will obey God and His commandments.

## Follow-Up (for the Counselor)

Sometime after the meeting (you may prefer to do it beforehand), make arrangements for your group to visit a nearby municipal court. Use this as a worthwhile project by making sure your Junior Highs know why they are going: to find out ways in which they can be of help to the law and law enforcers. Make sure also that the one in charge of showing you through the court knows beforehand the purpose of your visit. This can be very worthwhile to your group with careful and prayerful pre-planning.

Comments by Mrs. Donald McFadden, co-sponsor of the Junior High-High School Christian Endeavor group at Overland Park United Brethren Church in Portland, Oregon, where her husband is pastor



# Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for March, 1962. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



## Junior High (Intermediate)

### Daily Readings

M. Feb. 26 Disciples Empowered Luke 10:17-20  
T. Feb. 27 Power to Witness Acts 4:31-37  
W. Feb. 28 Power for Stephen Acts 6:8-15  
T. Mar. 1 Boldness Given Acts 4:13-20  
F. Mar. 2 Strength Promised  
II Corinthians 12:7-11  
S. Mar. 3 Power of the Spirit  
Zechariah 4:1-10  
**Sun., Mar. 4—Topic: A Flame of Sacred Love**  
Matthew 5:14; John 1:9  
M. Mar. 5 Win the Great Prize  
Philippians 3:7-14  
T. Mar. 6 Blessings on the Journey  
Genesis 26:17-25  
W. Mar. 7 Walk with Wise Men  
Proverbs 13:20-25  
T. Mar. 8 Avoid Hindrances Galatians 5:1-7  
F. Mar. 9 Learn to Watch  
I Corinthians 16:13-18  
S. Mar. 10 Learn to Wait  
II Thessalonians 3:1-5  
**Sun., Mar. 11—Topic: Hot Rodding**  
Proverbs 3:5,6, 21-26  
M. Mar. 12 Aaron Spoke for God  
Exodus 4:10-16  
T. Mar. 13 Caleb Spoke for God  
Numbers 14:6-10  
W. Mar. 14 Elijah Spoke for God  
I Kings 18:17-21  
T. Mar. 15 Jeremiah Spoke for God  
Jeremiah 1:6-10  
F. Mar. 16 Esther Spoke for God  
Esther 7:1-4  
S. Mar. 17 Paul Spoke for God  
I Corinthians 2:1-8  
**Sun., Mar. 18—Topic: Conversation for Christ**  
Colossians 4:1-6  
M. Mar. 19 Foes Without II Timothy 3:1-13  
T. Mar. 20 Walk in Way of Good Men  
Proverbs 2:20-22  
W. Mar. 21 Do Not Follow Evil Men  
Proverbs 4:14-19  
T. Mar. 22 On Christ's Side Matthew 12:22-30  
F. Mar. 23 Nathan and the King  
II Samuel 12:7-14  
S. Mar. 24 John Before Herod  
Matthew 14:3-12  
**Sun., Mar. 25—Topic: Come Over and Help Us**  
Acts 16:9; Romans 13:1-7

## Senior High-Young People's

### Daily Readings

M. Feb. 26 To Seek and to Save Luke 19:1-10  
T. Feb. 27 Save or Lose? Luke 9:23-27  
W. Feb. 28 First His Brother John 1:35-42  
T. Mar. 1 Paul's Desire Romans 10:1-13  
F. Mar. 2 I May Win Some  
I Corinthians 9:18-27  
S. Mar. 3 Almost Persuaded Acts 26:24-32  
**Sun., Mar. 4—Topic: "I Am Debtor"**  
Romans 1:8-15  
M. Mar. 5 Go Ye! Matthew 28:16-20  
T. Mar. 6 Preaching with Power Acts 1:1-8  
W. Mar. 7 Barnabas and Saul Acts 13:1-4  
T. Mar. 8 Peter's Mission Acts 10:9-24  
F. Mar. 9 We Are Witnesses Acts 10:34-48  
S. Mar. 10 Two by Two Luke 10:1-16  
**Sun., Mar. 11—Topic: "Into the Highways"**  
Luke 14:15-24  
M. Mar. 12 Hear the Word Romans 10:13-15  
T. Mar. 13 Believe Acts 16:25-33  
W. Mar. 14 Repent Acts 3:12-21  
T. Mar. 15 Confess Romans 10:8-10  
F. Mar. 16 Be Baptized Acts 8:26-38  
S. Mar. 17 Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:37-42  
**Sun., Mar. 18—Topic: "What Shall We Do?"**  
Acts 2:37-47  
M. Mar. 19 Milk of the Word I Peter 2:1-5  
T. Mar. 20 Grow in Grace II Peter 3:14-18  
W. Mar. 21 Grow Unto a Holy Temple Ephesians 2:18-22  
T. Mar. 22 The Bond of Perfectness Colossians 3:12-16  
F. Mar. 23 On to Perfection Hebrews 5:8-6:2  
S. Mar. 24 Be Perfect Matthew 5:43-48  
**Sun., Mar. 25—Topic: "Unto a Perfect Man"**  
Ephesians 4:11-16

## COMING EVENT For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

### FEBRUARY

17—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, O.

### MARCH

15-18—Oregon, The Dalles

30-31—Pennsylvania, Latrobe  
(Executive Committee)

30-April 1—Washington, Spokane

31-April 1—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake  
(Spring Conclave)

### APRIL

27-29—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference  
Atlantic City, New Jersey

## CHICAGO CLOSE-UP

A set of more than 150 Kodachrome slides with accompanying script, giving complete visual report of the recent International Convention in Chicago, is now available on a loan basis from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Prepared by Rev. Christian A. Tirre of Camden, Ohio, unit is entitled "Chicago Close-Up." Write Phyllis I. Rike, Administrative Secretary, 11 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, to schedule use of the slides. There is no charge except postage.

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## JUNIOR CE MEETINGS The Quarterly for Juniors

### Topics for MARCH

Mar. 4 Jesus Insists on Purity Luke 19:45-48  
Mar. 11 My Church Looks Back Acts 2:41-47; 4:4  
Mar. 18 My Church Deserves Loyalty Hebrews 10:23-25  
Mar. 25 My Church Looks Ahead Matthew 28:16-20

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# NEWS

## from around the world



Second Portuguese Christian Endeavor Week observed October 29-November 5. Rev. Arnaldo, president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Germany, was a special guest. He is shown (second from left) at a meeting of Endeavorers at the Y.M.C.A. in Oporto. The representative of the Methodist Society of Monte Pedral displays a prize won for her society in the Bible Quiz. (Below) Rev. F. Arbiol (second from right).



Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Union, left January 26 for a vacation trip to the Pacific. In addition to stops in Hawaii, the Philippines, and Viet Nam, Mr. Westerhoff will meet with Christian Endeavor leaders in Sydney, Australia, making additional plans for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held there August 16-21. He returns to Columbus, Ohio, March 1.

"The Forward Look" is the name given to a three-month program of preparation launched January 1 in connection with the 3-D Program of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, scheduled to get into full swing in September. The monthly themes are: January—Height (Reach Toward Heaven); February—Depth (Reach for Others); March—Width (Reach to Serve). Detailed materials have been distributed throughout the state. The 3-D Program will emphasize Dedicated Members, Definite Concern, and Directed Activities.

The many friends of Mrs. W. N. Gibson, Newburgh, Indiana, will be happy to know she is recovering rapidly from a recent operation. Her husband, Dr. W. N. Gibson, heads up General Baptist youth work.

Speaker for the 23rd annual Christmas Carol Sing, sponsored by the four Christian Endeavor Unions of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was Dr. Henry Bast of Western Theological Seminary. Guest artist for the program was Ronnie Avalone of New York City, a former opera star. The closing moments featured a combination of tableaux on the theme, "Keep Christ in Christmas," directed by Kathy Ballys. Chairman for the event was Richard Oostdyk. In conjunction with the sing a city-wide "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign was conducted, with leaflets distributed throughout the city and a sound truck playing carols.

An attractive poster (left) announced the Carol Sing which drew a crowd of more than 4,000 (below) to the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 17.

Photo by Elwood Dunn



Photo by Warren G. Lund

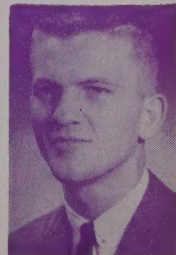
Over 400 were present for the Chicago (Illinois) Christmas Carol Sing held December 10 in Emmanuel Reformed Church. Shown is the song leader, Rev. Edward Nelson, with the chairman of the program, Alice Griede. Bill Gothard gave a chalk talk relating Christmas and the cross. Individuals and societies brought the gifts shown, plus \$25 in cash, for the children at Beacon Neighborhood House.

April 8-15 is National Youth Temperance Education Week. Materials available include posters and leaflets, which may be secured at a nominal price from the Youth Temperance Council of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Use the emphasis of this week to give serious consideration to the alcohol problem as it relates to youth.



Rev. John L. A. Kalili of Honolulu, Hawaii, is president of the Hawaii State Christian Endeavor Association. A full-time Christian Endeavor worker, he holds a B.A. degree from the University of Hawaii and the B.D. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a member of Liliuokalani Church, Waialua, Oahu, and serves as advisor of the Young People's Society. He met his wife, Peggy, at a Christian Endeavor social. They were married in 1953 and have two children, Daniel and Joy.

Melvin E. Modderman of Coopersville is president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union. He is a member of Coopersville Reformed Church. At present he is living in Ann Arbor where he is completing his senior year at the University of Michigan, majoring in botany bacteriology.







Beverley V. Baxter of Oregon  
1961 Endeavorer of the Year

## *Help Name the Endeavorer of the Year*

AGAIN IN 1962 the International Society, with the help of local societies and unions, will seek out a Christian Endeavorer of the Year. Any Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico which enrolls in the 1962 Society Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

THE FIRST AWARD will be an all-expense paid trip (to a maximum of \$150) to the 1962 International Christian Endeavor Summer Assembly, Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, July 2-7, plus room and meal costs at Huntington College for five nights' lodging (dormitory style) Monday through Friday nights, and all meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast, plus a registration fee, all worth \$30.

THE NEXT THREE RUNNERS-UP will receive free room and meals as described above along with the free registration, all worth \$30.

THE BASIS OF AWARDS will be a nomination by a Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group. The form for nomination will be sent to any of these organizations which enroll during December, January, February, or March in the 1962 Society Roll Call.

PERSONS NOMINATED must have passed their 12th birthday but must not have reached their 22nd birthday by February 28, 1962. Any person nominated must be an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. The completed nomination forms must be received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, not later than April 16, 1962. The winners will be selected by a board of International judges appointed by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The decisions of the judges are final and will be announced on May 25, 1962.